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9/23/64

Director, FBI (157-9-2)

1 - Mr. Gray
1 - Mr. Ryan

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(JAMES R. VENABLE)

ReBulet 9/2/64 and Bulet 9/15/64 (National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated) relating to this program.

Relet dated 9/15/64 pointed out the leaders of several small Klan organizations in 1963 formed a group USA called the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, (NKKKK) which meets several times a year. The purpose of the NKKKK is to unite the various Klan groups and to improve cooperation between the Klans. To date the organization's intention has not been effective, mainly because of disagreements between various leaders as to who would lead the NKKKK. James R. Venable, an attorney is allegedly the National Chairman or Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK. Venable and his supporters have designated Tucker, Georgia, as headquarters for the new group.

Bulet 9/15/64 requested you consider counterintelligence techniques for the purpose of frustrating the objectives of the NKKKK.

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The Bureau also desires that you immediately afford counterintelligence attention to James R. Venable, who is also the Legal Counsel of the United Klans of America, Incorporated. You should consider all possible exposure, disruptive, neutralizing and embarrassing tactics for application against Venable. Submit your comments and specific counterintelligence recommendations to the Bureau for authorization prior to initiating action.

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NOTE:

Venable, born 1/15/05 in Georgia, resides on VFW Drive, Stone Mountain, Georgia, and is an attorney with offices at 1001 Hunter Street, Southwest Atlanta, Georgia; he is known to suffer from high blood pressure.

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THE KU KLUX KLAN TODAY

There is a current revival of the Ku Klux Klan in the United States. In early September, 1964, the largest Klan organization in the Nation, the ~~United Klans of America~~, held its National Klonvokation at the Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama. This is the largest and one of the best hotels in that city. A feature of the Klonvokation was a banquet attended by some 600 men and women from every state in the Deep South. Robert M. Shelton, the Imperial Wizard, ^{NO LOCALITY} or head, of the United Klans, was re-elected at this Klonvokation.

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This current revival of the Klan is undoubtedly attributable to two events in particular. The first was the Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954, which held that segregation in public schools is unlawful. The second was the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. While the vast majority of the people in the South accept the law of the land, there are, in a frustrated fringe, some who are willing to condone violence and some who are willing to commit violence, in an effort to prevent integration.

Thus, the Klan tradition of advocating "white supremacy" still lives in many parts of the South. The Klan's main hate target is, of course, the Negro. A secondary hate target in the Klan's opposition to integration is Jews. Equating Jews with communists, the Klan has contrived a "Jewish-communist conspiracy" to which it attributes a plot to use the colored races as a pawn in order to "mongrelize" the

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white race everywhere. The conspirators would, in this Klan-conceived plot, take over the world after the rest of the white race has been degraded by desegregation.

(157-168-254)

Other Klan targets are Roman Catholics and the foreign born. Thus, despite sanctimonious claims to worthy aims, superpatriotism, and the promotion of the best interest of the community, state, and nation, the Klan is based on bigotry. Its real aims and purposes are to subjugate, in one way or another, all those in the United States who are not white, native-born Protestants. In an effort to accomplish this objective, it promotes segregation, anti-Semitism, anti-Catholicism, and a limitation on immigration. Thus, the traditional Klan intolerance remains unchanged--antagonism toward Negroes, Jews, Catholics, and the foreign born.

(Pamphlet, "Is the KKK Guilty of Patriotism")

The current revival of the Klan has brought its membership to a total somewhat less than 10,000. Even so, it is far from its peak of the 1920's, when it numbered four million. The actual total is also far from the claims of its leaders. In June, 1964, for example, Robert Shelton stated that the Klan membership in Alabama alone was in the "neighborhood" of 65,000. About the same time, a Klan leader in Mississippi claimed that Klan membership in that state totaled nearly 100,000. ("NY Times," 7/6/64, Mag. Sect., p. 8; "The National Observer," 7/27/64, p. 5)

From 1915, when William Joseph Simmons formed the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan as a revival of the original Klan of the Reconstruction Period, until 1944, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan virtually dominated all Klan activities. After this organization suspended operations in 1944, because of United States Government claims for delinquent taxes totaling nearly \$700,000, the Klan splintered into a number of independent organizations. (KKK monograph, Section, II, p. 2)

Although 17 Klan organizations are currently in existence, only one was formed more than ten years ago. The closest to an extensive, unified Klan organization is Shelton's United Klans. With an approximate membership of 4,625 in seven states, United Klans accounts for approximately half of the national Klan membership. Other leading Klans include the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, United Florida Ku Klux Klan, Association of South Carolina Klans, Dixie Klans, Association of Arkansas Klans, and U. S. Klans. (157-370, 105-71801, 157-1552, 157-395, 105-38068, 157-92, 157-470)

From time to time, since 1944, working agreements have been reached between the heads of various Klans looking toward a consolidation of Klans. The most recent steps to unite the Klans have been taken by the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, headed by James Venable of Stone Mountain, Georgia. Up to now, however, all attempts to establish a national union of Klan organizations under a single leadership have been unsuccessful, because of the inability of the leaders to agree on a single leader for such a group. Shelton has indicated, for example, that he already has the largest Klan in the Nation and he can see no reason to turn it over to Venable.

(157-168-259, p. 4)

Actually, Klan leaders are ambitious, opportunistic, ruthless promoters and publicity seekers who are constantly vying with each other for control of the various Klans. Each Klan organization is virtually a one-man dictatorship.

Klan sources of income are many. One source is the initiation fee, or Klektoken. The Klektoken for one Klan is \$15 for men and \$10 for women, and

65 per cent of the Klektoken must be forwarded to the Klan headquarters. Another source is membership dues. The Louisiana realm of the United Klans, for example, transmits 25 cents per member each month to Robert Shelton. The Imperial Dragon of another Klan receives between \$1,900 and \$2,500 per month from the klaverns. Of this amount, he pays his wife \$200 per month to handle the Klan's correspondence. (157-168-159, p. 6; 157-370-33-47; 105-71801-238)

Revenue from the sale of robes enhances the treasuries of most klaverns. In most instances, the robes sell for \$10, from which a substantial profit is derived, especially if the robes are made by the wife of a Klan member. An official of one klavern incurred the displeasure of his members by making too fat a profit. He bought the robes for \$5 and sold them for \$15. Not satisfied with this, he also sold the members small Confederate flags, at \$1 each, to be sewn on the sleeves of the robes. (157-370-8-168, p. 10)

Shelton's United Klans has launched a new fund-raising scheme. It has established a corporation known as Heritage Enterprises, Incorporated. Principal subsidiary of this corporation is the Heritage Insurance Agency of Bessemer, Alabama. United Klans owns 51 per cent of this insurance agency and certain Alabama financial backers own the remaining 49 per cent. Shelton has stated that each Klansman will be a salesman for this agency, which sells a complete line of insurance, such as casualty, life, hospitalization, disability, income, accident, and group. (157-370-2-183, 194; 157-370-8-77; 157-370-61, 66)

Another source of Klan funds is rallies which present an opportunity for "passing the hat." Recently, a Klan held a public rally during which the collection

filled several buckets. When the rally was over, one of the filled buckets was missing.

(157-370-8-168, p. 30)

Misappropriation of funds by Klan officers and members is commonplace and has frequently caused dissension within klaverns, and even their disintegration. One klavern was in a state of consternation when it was learned, following the Exalted Cyclops' departure from the area for the summer, that the treasury had been depleted and the financial records were missing. More than one Klan has been the victim of misappropriation of funds. Several years ago, the morale of a Klan suffered a severe setback when a member, who happened to be a minister, absconded with some funds. (157-395-295, p. 1; 105-65374-283, p. 27)

The mental aberrations of many Klan members are exemplified in a recent incident involving the Kennedy half dollars now in circulation. Members of a klavern were told that whenever they received such a coin, they should drill a hole in Kennedy's head and put the half dollar back in circulation. The purpose for so doing, of course, is to force the United States Government to recall all of the Kennedy half dollars. (157-92-327, p. 4)

Just what type of person does the Klan attract? Most Klansmen have mediocre backgrounds, limited educations, and extremely narrow, fanatical outlooks and interests. Except for the Negro, they are usually at or near the bottom of the social ladder. This lack of social status may well account for their insecurity,

frustration, discontent, and longing for revenge. Thus, recognition from fellow Klansmen following participation in Klan activity acts as a substitute for the recognition withheld by society. (157-370-8-100; 100-7801-4509, pp. 932-934
157-1522-73)

In the case of many Klansmen, their stability of mind is questionable, their integrity suspect, and their morality and personal conduct deplorable. A former patient of New York City's Bellevue Hospital, where he was confined following a nervous breakdown, is the head of a small Klan group. The head of an "inner-terror" group was discharged from the United States Army for mental instability. He has a past arrest record for soliciting for prostitution, for fighting, and for manslaughter. (157-219-36, p. 13; 157-1480)

An Imperial Wizard became an alcoholic and a drug addict and misappropriated all the funds in the treasury of his Klan. One Exalted Cyclops is a moral reprobate who was divorced by his first wife because he struck her and further abused her; his second wife also left him for similar reasons. It is alleged that he will not have a girl work in his office unless she is willing to submit to his advances. He, together with two other men, reportedly photographed a woman in the nude. He is also said to have performed an abortion on her. (157-168-22;
157-92-5)

A lawyer who has devoted his entire life to the Klan movement is James B. Venable, head of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Venable is also President of the Defensive Legion of Registered Americans, a Klan front

organization which produces phonograph records of a viciously anti-Negro and anti-Semitic nature. Several years ago, Venable declared that the time had come to hang a few people--both white and Negro--in order to let people know that the Klan meant business. Venable has also advocated hanging some Negroes on college campuses. Separated from his wife, Venable shared his home in Stone Mountain, Georgia, with a close associate,

recently, when he requested [REDACTED] to leave because of the latter's drinking. (157-1628-1)

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b7c [REDACTED] aged 63, has had a serious drinking problem for years, although he is said to have joined Alcoholics Anonymous at one time. Prior to and following World War II [REDACTED] was well known and made considerable money as a radio and television announcer in New York City and Philadelphia. However, he "blew it all in," took to drink, and eventually lost his professional standing and connections. (157-560-2, 9, 13, etc.)

Making full use of his fine speaking voice, [REDACTED] has narrated recordings produced by the ~~Defensive Legion of Registered Americans~~, of which he is Secretary. These recordings are bitterly denunciatory of Negroes, Jews, and Catholics, even to the extent of advocating violent action by whites to protect their way of life against Negro encroachment. (157-560-14, 16, 17, 19, etc.)

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Kluxmen live in a make-believe world of their own with its peculiar titles, mystic ceremony, terrorist activities, shared hatred, and hoods which

act to conceal their identities. Klan activities are associated in the minds of most with threats, terror, shotguns, mutilations, and tar and feathers. While Klan leaders may now say that they are opposed to the use of violence, they also make inflammatory statements which incite Klansmen and promote violence on their part. (157-1522-73)

Of even greater potential danger to society than the resort to violence by individual Klansmen, with or without the authorization of their leaders, is the existence within the Klan of so-called "action groups." Known variously as "Holy Terrors," "Knock Off Groups," and "Killer Squads," these secret "action groups" consist of three to ten Klansmen in a klavern who do the illegal work of the Klan. (157-168-281)

At a Klan demonstration of how to dispose of an interloper, several uniformed armed guards shot three times in the direction of the pretending intruder, who fell to the ground as the guards closed in. One ripped open the "victim's" shirt with a knife, simulating slashing open his stomach, then the guards threw the man into a creek. (100-7801-49-55)

~~Robert Creel~~, Alabama Grand Dragon of the United Klans, told members in one klavern that "if you don't want to get out and 'bust-ass' and kill 'Niggers,' get out of the organization." (157-370-4-152 p. 7)

Floggings head the list of Klan incidents of violence. One particularly brutal case took place in the Spring of 1961 in Alabama. Late one evening, a

group of white men went to the home of a white couple. Their 14-year-old son admitted the men into the house. The husband was blackjacked; the telephone torn from the wall, and both the husband and wife taken from their home in their night clothing to a wooded area, stripped, and severely beaten with a leather whip. They were left alone in the woods.

The assailants told the couple that they had been beaten because they had allegedly permitted their son to be whipped by a Negro for a crime he had committed. Seven men were arrested and convicted for this crime. All of them admitted membership in the Klan, but none would admit that this incident was at the instigation or direction of any Klan organization. (LHM re [redacted])

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In April, 1964, [redacted] a reporter for a television station in New Orleans, was seized by armed Klansmen as he attempted to film a meeting of the Klan in a heavily wooded area near Jackson, Mississippi. His camera was seized, and he was forced to remove his trousers and lie in a poison ivy patch, where he was whipped about 20 times with a "holster belt." He was then forced to crawl into a small enclosure in the back of a pickup truck. After he had been in the truck for five minutes, he was ordered out and struck another nine or ten times. When he was freed, the Klansmen told him that if he reported the incident to anyone they would kill him within 24 hours. (105-71801-247, 248, 256; "State Times," Baton Rouge, La., 4/20/64, p. 1)

In one instance, an act of violence involving Klansmen backfired. A group of Klansmen, armed with pistols and shotguns and wearing silk stockings

over their faces, went to the home of a Negro. Only his wife and daughter were at home. When their demand for entry into the home was refused, a shot was fired into the door and the door was forced open. The daughter, armed with a .22 caliber revolver, opened fire and killed one of the Klansmen instantly. The Klansmen were charged with assault with intent to murder. The daughter was released without charge. (157-664)

The Klan has shown an interest in having its members take military and other special training. One Grand Dragon issued instructions that each klavern in his state was to arrange for its members to have military drill at least one hour a week. Several Klan groups have held weekly jujitsu sessions, and some have had karate instruction. (Atlanta Airtel, 9/11/63, Youth Legions, Klan Organizations, RM: 157-395-238 p. 10, [REDACTED] 157-395-65 p. 8)

A few years ago, on an isolated Georgia farm, the Klan reportedly held an explosives school, attended by several Klansmen. There they received instructions and demonstrations in setting booby traps, rigging explosive charges to allow getaway time, burning automobiles and buildings, destroying automobiles with easily obtained materials, and using certain types of fertilizer as explosives. (157-1532-1)

It is known that Klansmen continually urge all members to secure guns and ammunition. Much time is spent discussing the subject. Demonstrations have been given at klavern meetings on how to dismantle a rifle, grease it, and bury it in the ground where it will not likely be found and confiscated by law

enforcement officers. During the Summer of 1964, one Klan leader reportedly

ordered some six dozen Italian-made rifles for resale to other members.
(157-92-242, pp. 10, 11; 105-71801-263; 157-370-8-55 p. 17)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-Main)

DATE: 10/14/64

FROM :

SAC, ATLANTA (157-826)

SUBJECT:

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReBulet, 9/2/64.

The following Klan organizations mentioned in reBulet are currently active within the Atlanta Division and are currently under active investigation:

1. Improved Order of the U. S. Klans,
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

This is a small Klan group headed by Imperial Wizard EARL E. GEORGE of Lithonia, Ga. It has two Klaverns within the Atlanta Division. From available information, neither of these Klaverns is currently active. Imperial Wizard GEORGE is an elderly man in his 70's. He has had one heart attack and is currently able to be active only on a limited basis. It appears that this organization will soon go out of existence due to the inability of Imperial Wizard GEORGE to meet with and lead the two Klaverns. GEORGE has recently been meeting with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., headed by JAMES R. VENABLE. He and VENABLE are old friends. It is believed that GEORGE will take his organization into the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., before he will permit it to pass completely out of existence.

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At the present time, there is very little counterintelligence action we can take against this dying organization.

2. National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. USA

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This organization is headed by JAMES R. VENABLE, an Atlanta attorney and long-time Klan leader. VENABLE has been described as psychotic by [REDACTED]

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VENABLE loves publicity and never misses a chance to comment on radio, television or in the press. When the Democratic Party platform containing a repudiation of the Ku Klux Klan was adopted at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, N. J., VENABLE's comments were widely quoted by radio, television and the press.

The Atlanta Office has considered for many years ways and means to get VENABLE disbarred. However, under Georgia law, this is virtually impossible unless there is evidence of personal dishonesty in his relationship with his clients. There is no evidence of this and VENABLE's association with the Klan does not appear to hurt his law practice.

As the Bureau is aware, ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, has refused to bring his organization into VENABLE's National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and as a result VENABLE is bitter toward SHELTON and United Klan leaders. There appears to be at this time very little chance that United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, will ever join with VENABLE in the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

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The Atlanta Office has already furnished upon Bureau authorization certain material pertaining to VENABLE to [redacted]

Atlanta recommends the following tactics regarding VENABLE and the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.:

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A. It is recommended that JAMES R. VENABLE be interviewed by BuAgents. During this interview, it would be pointed out to VENABLE that various other Klan leaders are using him. In particular, [redacted] who lived with VENABLE over a period of several months. Atlanta feels that an interview with VENABLE at this time might possibly have the effect of neutralizing his activity at least to a degree.

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b. VENABLE has set up headquarters for the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., on the second floor of a rather large building located in Tucker, Ga. VENABLE has leased the second floor of this building for a term of 15 years. The [REDACTED] a long-time friend of VENABLE's. We recommend that pressure be brought on [REDACTED] to cancel VENABLE's lease. SA

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C. The headquarters of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has sleeping quarters built into it. It also has facilities for cooking. Since the building does not have a fire escape, there is a technical violation of the Building Code. Atlanta recommends that DeKalb Fire Department authorities be apprised of this situation and an effort be made to get the fire inspector to inspect the building for violations of fire and safety laws.

D. We recommend that material concerning VENABLE be made available to [REDACTED] for possible inclusion in one or two of [REDACTED] syndicated columns.

b. United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (United Klans) 115A

This is the largest Klan organization presently in existence and it is also the largest Klan group active within the Atlanta Division.

By letter dated 9/16/64 the Atlanta Office recommended a counterintelligence tactic against this organization using [REDACTED] By letter dated 9/29/64 the Bureau approved this tactic in an effort to cause dissension with and split the membership of United Klans in Ga.

This organization appears to offer the best target for counterintelligence tactics at this time. This is due to two primary reasons--(1) There is already considerable dissension within the organization caused by [REDACTED] who is the head of a ladies' Klan organization in Ga. This dissension came to a head at the recent Imperial Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama, and resulted in several Ga. Klansmen walking out of the Klonvocation. (2) There is considerable dissatisfaction with the [REDACTED] who is the

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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(JAMES E. VENABLE)
(NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN, INCORPORATED)

ReATlet 10/14/64.

Authority is granted to interview James R. Venable, National Chairman or Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, (NKKKK) to indicate to him that he is being used by other Klan leaders and in anticipation the interview will have a neutralizing effect on his activities.

Inasmuch as Venable is a practicing attorney and he has been described as psychotic, this interview should be conducted in a public area away from his residence and employment, and while he is alone. Two Agents experienced in racial investigations should be utilized and if determined advisable, the interview should be observed by a third Agent. Advise the Bureau of the results of this interview promptly upon its completion and consider follow-up counterintelligence recommendations.

Before the Bureau can authorize you to bring pressure to cause cancellation of the lease of the headquarters of the NKKKK at Tucker, Georgia, it will be necessary for you to advise in detail the nature of the action you desire to take and the identities of any individuals you intend to contact together with pertinent comments regarding their discretion.

Similarly before the Bureau can authorize you to alert appropriate officials regarding violations of fire and safety laws at NKKKK headquarters, it will be necessary for you to advise the means by which you intend to alert the officials and to furnish assurances that they will not reveal the Bureau's interest.

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b2D Also, prior to confidentially making available information to [redacted]
relating to Venable, you should furnish to the Bureau a summary
of such material.

NOTE:

See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan, 10/29/64, same
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W.C. Sullivan

DATE: 10/29/64

FROM : F.J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(JAMES R. VENABLE)
(NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
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Mr. Venable
James R. Venable, an Atlanta attorney, is the National Chairman or Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK). He has been described as psychotic.

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Venable loves publicity and takes every opportunity to comment on radio, television, or in the press. We believe an effort should be made to disrupt or neutralize the extensive Klan activities of Venable.

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The Atlanta Office has recommended, and we concur, that Venable should be interviewed at this time by Bureau Agents. During the interview it would be pointed out to him that various other Klan leaders are using him for their own purposes. Venable in the past lived with [REDACTED] a Klan leader over a period of seven months. Atlanta will endeavor to imply that [REDACTED] is conducting antagonistic activities in opposition to Venable. Atlanta believes an interview of this leader at this time could have the effect of neutralizing Venable's activities.

Because of the background of Venable, we are instructing Atlanta that this interview should be conducted in a public area away from Venable residence and employment and while he is alone. Two Agents, experienced in racial investigations, should be utilized and, if determined advisable, the interview should be observed by a third Agent.

We have underway other counterintelligence plans to neutralize Venable and the NKKKK that will be undertaken, with Bureau authority, when we have complete facts available to us.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to the Atlanta Office authorizing that office to conduct a secure-type interview with James R. Venable National Chairman or Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK and soliciting further data from the office relating to other counterintelligence activities being considered.

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TO : ... Mr. W. C. Sullivan
FROM : F. J. Baumgardner
SUBJECT : COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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DATE: September 14, 1966

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. D. M. Wells
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The Atlanta Office has advised that

[redacted] is writing an article attacking Jesse C. Stoner and Conrad Lynch, noted hatemongers of the National States Rights Party, and George Lincoln Rockwell of the American Nazi Party. [redacted] is interested in obtaining information concerning these individuals which he can utilize in his pending article with the assurance that the FBI will not be revealed as a source.

[redacted] and has been very cooperative with the Bureau. Atlanta advised that [redacted] has written many favorable articles concerning the work of the Bureau, especially in the racial field. There is no information in the Atlanta and Bureau files of a derogatory nature identifiable with [redacted]

We feel that [redacted] proposed article could be very beneficial in further disrupting the activities of the previously-mentioned hatemongers and possibly help to turn public opinion against them.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authority be granted for the Atlanta Office to furnish [REDACTED] public source data only regarding Stoner, Lynch and Rockwell, to be utilized by [REDACTED] in an article attacking these individuals. *177-824*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-2)

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) P

SUBJECT : COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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[REDACTED] advised he is writing an article on the activities of individuals such as JESSE B. STONER, CONRAD LYNCH, and GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL in areas of racial unrest. He intends to do an article putting forth the activities of these individuals in a very bad light. He stated he was interested in obtaining as much information as possible about the activities of these individuals which he stated he would use without revealing the FBI as a source.

No commitments were made to [REDACTED] however Atlanta recommends that the Bureau consider furnishing information to the Atlanta Office if possible concerning ROCKWELL, LYNCH and STONER that the Bureau would consider to be suitable for dissemination to [REDACTED] on a confidential basis. Atlanta feels that this article could be very beneficial in further disrupting the activities of these well known hate group figures and possibly help to turn public opinion against them.

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Bureau. He has written many favorable articles concerning the work of the Bureau, especially in the racial field, and wrote very favorably concerning the work of the Bureau in the [redacted] case. There is no information in Atlanta files of a derogatory nature against [redacted]

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Date: November 22, 1966

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-3)
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-865)
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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH)

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Re Los Angeles airtel dated November 17, 1966,
to the Director, and Bureau airtel to Baltimore and Los
Angeles dated November 18, 1966.

NO 15-12-11

By referenced Los Angeles airtel dated November 17, 1966, the Los Angeles Office furnished to the Baltimore Office public source information relating to WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT and CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH. This information was originally requested by Baltimore for the benefit of the Baltimore Police Department, and USA's office, Baltimore, in connection with the trial of CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH, RICHARD B. NORTON and JOSEPH CARROLL at Baltimore, Maryland for a riot and inciting to riot and other charges resulting from rallies held by the National States Rights Party (NSRP) in Baltimore during the summer of 1966. At the time these were requested it appeared that the State might be able to use the information in connection with the cross examination of CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH. However, at the conclusion of the State's presentation of the case, the defense entered certain motions for dismissals on constitutional ground and did not present any defense. Public sources reflect that these motions were denied and that LYNCH, NORTON and CARROLL were found guilty and were sentenced to two years in the Maryland State Penitentiary. They are presently

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out on bond pending appeal to the Maryland Court of Appeals and probably to the United States Supreme Court.

b7C b7D [REDACTED] have advised that due to recent activities in the Baltimore area of various racial and subversive groups, they are presently endeavoring to build an intelligence unit which will have information regarding all types of racial and subversive groups which might be operative in Baltimore. They advised that although the public source information concerning SWIFT and LYNCH which has been received from Los Angeles may be of no immediate value at the present time, they would still like to have this information for their files, in view of the possibility of future necessity for such information.

b7C b7D In view of the above, Bureau permission is requested to furnish the following public source material received from the Los Angeles Division to [REDACTED]

1. Report of California Attorney General THOMAS C. LYNCH dated April 12, 1965, concerning para-military organizations in California and SWIFT.
2. Article from the "Heritage-Southwest Jewish Press," Los Angeles weekly Jewish newspaper, issue of 6/24/65, concerning SWIFT.
3. Article from "Point" magazine, issue of 7/7/65, concerning SWIFT and the Christian Nationalist Crusade.

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4. Throwaway advertising a meeting to be held at the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, California, featuring speeches by SWIFT and GERALD L. K. SMITH of the Christian Nationalist Crusade.
5. Newspaper article from the Los Angeles "Herald-Express" dated 4/6/65, concerning Ku Klux Klan activities and SWIFT.
6. Newspaper ad from the Los Angeles "Herald-Express" advertising meeting of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian, with Dr. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT as preacher, to be held at 1749 North La Brea, Hollywood, California.
7. Newspaper article from the "Antelope Valley Ledger-Gazette" dated 4/14/65, concerning SWIFT.
8. Report from the Twelfth Report, Un-American Activities in California (1963) by the Senate Factfinding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities concerning SWIFT and the National States Rights Party.

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Copies of the above material which will be furnished to [REDACTED] of the Baltimore, Maryland Police Department will bear no marks indicating it was received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and [REDACTED] will not reveal the FBI interest in this matter.

SAC, Baltimore (157-865)

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W.B. Director, FBI (157-9-3)-21

1 - Mr. Ryan

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH)

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Authority granted for you to confidentially furnish [REDACTED] Inspectional Services, Baltimore Police Department, the public source material related to racist and subversive groups as outlined in reairtel. Insure [REDACTED] understands the Bureau's cooperation with him in this matter may not be revealed.

1 - Los Angeles (157-1448)

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The referred to public source information was compiled by the BA and LA Offices to assist the Baltimore Police Department and U.S. Attorney Office in the prosecution of Charles Conley Lynch, an official of the National States Rights Party, and two of his aides, who were recently tried in Baltimore for inciting a riot last July. However, before the public source material could be furnished, Lynch and his aides were found guilty and were sentenced to two years' imprisonment. They are presently free on bond and appealing the conviction.

Because of a recent increase of activity of racist and subversive groups in Baltimore, the local police are endeavoring to build an intelligence unit for the purpose of countering and prosecuting such groups. Baltimore requests the public source information, which consists entirely of published information, be furnished to its source, [REDACTED], and assures he will not reveal the Bureau's interests.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-MAIN)

DATE: 1/4/67

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (157-865)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Baltimore letter to Bureau, 9/28/66.

As the Bureau has been previously advised, the Baltimore Office has utilized the program of interviews with members of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) primarily to secure informant coverage but also for the purpose of disrupting that organization. Baltimore Office has also maintained very close liaison with and has cooperated with [REDACTED]

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I. POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

It is felt that the continued use of the interview program on a selective basis and continued close cooperation with police agencies offers a good potential for the disruption of the activities of the UKA and the National States Rights Party (NSRP).

II. PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

The Baltimore Office will continue the interview program on a selective basis and will continue

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to maintain close cooperation with police agencies. It is felt that continued contact with [REDACTED] may also offer possibilities for disruptive actions as far as the UKA is concerned in the Maryland area. If further opportunities should present themselves to the use of the Counterintelligence procedures, these opportunities will be taken.

III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

The activities of the UKA in Delaware have been considerably reduced. At the present time, there is only one unit of the UKA operating in Delaware. Other units have become defunct or have disbanded. It is felt that the use of simultaneous interviews at the appropriate time contributed greatly to the disruption of the UKA in the Delaware area.

During the past few months, 13 members of the UKA in Maryland have been interviewed.

Among these is [REDACTED] of the UKA in Maryland,

The 11/29/66 edition of the "Evening Capital", a daily newspaper published at Annapolis, Maryland, on page 1, contained a story headlined "Former King Klucile Regrets Joining KKK." This story reflects that LAYTON C. BRAUN gave an exclusive interview to a staff writer of the newspaper in which he said that the thought of his association with the organization (UKA) makes him nauseated. The article pointed out that BRAUN, who told the "Evening Capital" in an interview on 8/12/66 that he would be the first to quit the Klan if he felt it was a non-violent organization, left the organization in September. The entire article covers the equivalent of two full columns of the full size newspaper.

RICHARD BERRY NORTON, Maryland State Coordinator for the WSRP and JOSEPH JOHN CARROLL, State Youth Director, as well as the professional racist

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CHARLES CONNIE LYNCH were sentenced to two years in prison for their activities in connection with NSRP rallies held in Baltimore during the summer of 1966. An injunction is still in effect against the holding of rallies by the NSRP in Baltimore, Maryland. Two members of the UKA, who were arrested in connection with their activities during and immediately after a NSRP rally, are still awaiting trial at Baltimore.

In connection with the trial of CHARLES CONNIE LYNCH, the States Attorney at Baltimore requested the Baltimore Police Department to obtain background and criminal records concerning a Doctor WESLEY SWIFT, who allegedly ordained CHARLES CONNIE LYNCH in California. [REDACTED] C-2

[REDACTED] immediately made this known to the Baltimore Office and, as a result, the Baltimore Office corresponded with the Bureau and Los Angeles and Los Angeles was able to obtain considerable public source information concerning SWIFT and the organizations with which he has been associated. With permission of the Bureau, copies of the public source material were made available to the Baltimore, Maryland Police Department.

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-835) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 10/13/64

Re Bulet to Atlanta 9/2/64, 9/18/64, and 10/7/64.

The Klan-type and hate organizations operating in Birmingham territory and which are potential objects of a counterintelligence program are the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the National States Rights Party.

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[REDACTED] Klan activity in Mississippi and felt the story could not have been prepared without FBI cooperation. He was impressed with this and has indicated a strong interest in similar material for the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He promised to protect the Bureau's interest in any such endeavor. He is a well known civic leader in Birmingham. A review of the files in the Birmingham Office is being made for suitable information in this connection.

Bureau instructed in referenced letter that specific mention be made of "Action Groups" in Klan organizations. At the present time the weekly meetings of Eastview Klavern No. 13, which has been the leading Klavern in United Klans of America, Inc., in this territory, have been poorly attended. The principal members of the "Action Group"

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in this Klan are [REDACTED]

Efforts are being made to secure information suitable for disruption purposes in connection with this group.

Investigation is being conducted concerning ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON. The Atlanta Office has been requested to ascertain why E. L. EDWARDS, now deceased, ousted SHELTON from his then position of Grand Dragon of the U. S. Klans. A copy of the article appearing in the "Birmingham News" for April 30, 1960, entitled "SHELTON ousted from Klan Post," has been obtained. The article did not disclose the exact nature of the charges against SHELTON. Records of the Alabama Secretary of State reflect that SHELTON was dropped as the Klan's authorized agent and was replaced by Rev. ALVIN HORN of Talladega, Alabama. E. L. EDWARDS, Imperial Wizard, U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was quoted as saying "We had to have a grand dragon in Alabama and we didn't have one in ROBERT M. SHELTON." He told reporters that SHELTON was replaced as grand dragon and agent of the "Klan" in Alabama "for conduct unbecoming a Klansman and attempting to use the organization for selfish purposes." The article said EDWARDS did not elaborate on what is considered conduct unbecoming a Klansman.

Informants are being contacted for any information of a derogatory nature concerning SHELTON. Discreet inquiries are being made in Tuscaloosa concerning his financial status. In view of recent information from the Bureau no request is being made for a mail cover on Shelton or the United Klans.

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The information on [REDACTED] will be afforded prompt attention.

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As the Bureau is aware, some few months ago several individuals, who had been active officials and/or dedicated members of the National States Rights Party (NSRP), left the NSRP. They are trying to form and make a going party of the American States Rights Party (ASRP) with its headquarters in Birmingham.

Since the group pulled out of the NSRP, both the ASRP and NSRP leaders have been belittling, berating and making extremely derogatory remarks concerning each other. Both groups are using the same mailing list, (the NSRP's list), which the ASRP group obtained before pulling out of the NSRP, and they disseminate their derogatory remarks in the literature they distribute.

The Bureau has also been advised that GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, American Nazi Party (ANP) leader has recently filed a \$550,000.00 libel suit in the U. S. District Court, Birmingham, Alabama, against Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, Information Director of the NSRP, and others connected with the NSRP.

Birmingham contemplates furnishing certain items, on a confidential basis to a few trusted, reliable newsmen (established SAC contacts), concerning the NSRP, the ASRP and the ANP for the purpose of possibly causing further disruption of any unified actions or working arrangements between these groups. Such newsmen may be used to contact the leaders of one group to inquire about or confirm something of a derogatory nature reportedly made by some leader of one of the other groups.

Birmingham also contemplates working closely with other law enforcement agencies to see that any activity of such groups are known, covered and where considered desirable, the group will be made cognizant that their activity is known.

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Birmingham also is considering having some racial informants drop remarks to or for the benefit of the leaders of the NSRP, etc., that will tend to cause the leaders of one group to retaliate in like manner against the other groups.

If the Bureau has any material on disruptive tactics or results of efforts, which is not already in all field offices, Birmingham would be glad to receive it.

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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Director, FBI (157-9-4) - 3

1 - Mr. Gray
2 - Mr. Ryan

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF LEFT GROUPS**

ReBillet 10/13/C4.

The Bureau desires you afford counterintelligence attention to capitalize upon the bickering between leaders of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) and the American States Rights Party (ASRP) which recently split from the former organization. Consider such disruptive techniques as anonymous telephone calls, circulation of anonymous letters and documents, furnishing information to cooperative news media sources, etc. Insure you obtain Bureau authority before initiating any counterintelligence action.

relating to the American Nazi Party (ANP), the NCWP and the ASRP, you must obtain Bureau authority. Requests for this type of action must contain assurances the individual to be furnished data will not reveal the Bureau's interest or betray the Bureau's confidence. Also it will be necessary for you to furnish to the Bureau a detailed summary of the information you desire to furnish to news media sources.

Keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent information relating to the \$550,000 libel suit filed in the United States District Court, Birmingham, by AMF leader George Lincoln Rockwell against Mr. Edward R. Fields, Information Director, NSWP, and others connected with the NSWP. It would appear this dispute between the leaders of two hate organizations will afford unique counterintelligence opportunities.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9-4)

DATE: 10/21/64

FROM : *W.K.* SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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Racial informants have advised recently that [REDACTED] UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. (UKA), was overheard to speak out against ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of UKA at the Alabama State Fair. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has never been known to criticize SHELTON and has always been quick to come to SHELTON's defense. In the past there has been some discontent about SHELTON's alleged inactivity and reluctance to do anything. [REDACTED] there is some jealousy toward SHELTON on the part of [REDACTED]

Bureau authority is requested to prepare an anonymous communication to SHELTON exploiting this situation.

A suggested letter is as follows:

"Birmingham, Alabama

"Dear Klansman Shelton:

"I am not in a position to become involved between Klansmen, but I hate to see anyone knifed in the back. You may think [REDACTED] is your friend, but he is far from it. He is out to get you if he can. He wants your job, that's what's eating on him.

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1 - Mr. Gray
2 - Mr. Ryan

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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ReSubject 10/21/64.

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Authority is granted to anonymously mail a letter to Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, setting forth information indicating [REDACTED] United Klans of America is endeavoring to usurp the [REDACTED] individual, in the manner set out in relet.

Take the usual precautions to insure your mailing cannot be associated with the FBI. Use commercially purchased stationery and mail the letter in the area of Robert Clegg's activity.

Advise the Bureau of any tangible results of your action and be alert to submit follow-up recommendations.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 10-29-64

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Re Bulets 9-2-64; 9-18-64; and 10-17-64.

[REDACTED] to information
or knowledge that ROBERT M. SHELTON uses intoxicating
beverages in any degree. [REDACTED] no
information that SHELTON has engaged in any immoral activities.
[REDACTED] SHELTON does not engage in sports
of any type and [REDACTED] SHELTON spends most of
his time engaged in Klan work at his office.

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The Birmingham News for April 30, 1960, carried an
article entitled "SHELTON Ousted From Klan Post". The Atlanta
Office was requested to contact informants concerning this
matter. On 10-19-64, the Atlanta Office furnished the
following information:

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[REDACTED] met with Klan officials in
Birmingham, Alabama. During this meeting ROBERT SHELTON asked
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] It appeared that SHELTON
did not know the reason for his removal. The true reason for
SHELTON's removal [REDACTED] was SHELTON's failure
to send in quarterly reports to the Imperial Office in Atlanta

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and also the fact that Klan attendance in Alabama had fallen off almost 50 percent. Another factor in SHELTON's removal was that he had allegedly given [REDACTED] the run-around in a report on Klan conditions in Alabama. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that ROBERT SHELTON had promised to get things straightened out in Alabama but that he had not kept his promise and had not kept the Imperial Wizard informed of events occurring within the Klan in Alabama. At that time [REDACTED] stated that if SHELTON did not get the Alabama Klan straightened out soon, he [REDACTED] was going to make a press release to the effect that all charters of U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in Alabama would be cancelled and that SHELTON would be banished from the Klan and removed as Grand Dragon. Atlanta further advised that their files do not reflect any particular weakness or misconduct on the part of SHELTON which caused him to be released in addition to the information set out above.

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[REDACTED] SHELTON is a man of good moral character who does not use intoxicating beverages in any way and engages in no criminal activity as far as [REDACTED] knows. [REDACTED] had never heard anything derogatory along this line concerning SHELTON.

The St. Louis Office was asked on 10-7-64 to review SHELTON's record in the United States Air Force with particular reference to any derogatory information which might appear therein. St. Louis has not furnished this information as yet. It is noted that a photostat of SHELTON's Army discharge on file in the Probate Office at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, reflects that he received an honorable discharge on July 19, 1951, and also that he received a medal for the Berlin Airlift Service and the good conduct medal.

[REDACTED] ROBERT M. SHELTON does not drink and he does not spend a great deal of time on recreation. [REDACTED] stated he spends most of his

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time, in fact, practically all of his time in connection with his work with the UKA, INC., KKKK. [REDACTED] this is a full-time job for SHELTON and he travels a great deal in connection with his position as Imperial Wizard of this group.

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has been known to "stretch the truth" [REDACTED] he is not completely truthful or reliable. [REDACTED] that although the members are aware of this side of SHELTON's personality, he continues to maintain his position as the Imperial Wizard of this organization. [REDACTED] SHELTON, although he travels a great deal, generally returns to his home the same night.

Further discreet inquiries will be made concerning SHELTON's personal activities, etc. Particular emphasis will be placed upon attempting to secure information that SHELTON could be stealing money from the UKA and misappropriating it or that SHELTON's character is not good and that he is not a moral man.

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[REDACTED] has attended the last two meetings of Elsview

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Klavern #13 and has apparently been reinstated in the Klavern. [REDACTED] was expelled for "conduct unbecoming a Klansman" is trying to rejoin Klavern #13, but several of the Klavern members are opposing this. Further investigation is being conducted concerning [REDACTED] to secure information of counterintelligence value.

In contacts with ROBERT SHELTON in the past, he has mentioned that he receives copies of Communist publications. It is not specifically known that he is on the mailing list of these publications. It is also noted that the UKA publicly states it is fighting Communism. The Bureau is requested to give consideration to subscribing to "The Worker" in the name of ROBERT M. SHELTON and have it mailed to Headquarters of the UKA in the Alson Building at Tuscaloosa.

SAC, Birmingham (157-835)

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Director, FBI (157-9-4) *5*

1 - Mr. Gray
2 - Mr. Ryan

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT SHELTON)

ReBillet 10/29/64.

The Bureau does not believe the entering of a subscription to "The Worker" in the name of Robert Shelton, to be mailed to him at the offices of the United Klans of America, in itself would tend to compromise or embarrass Shelton. It is believed this action if combined with other counterintelligence techniques could implicate Shelton as being in sympathy with the communists. Before authorizing a subscription in the name of Shelton, the Bureau desires you develop a plan whereby Shelton may be progressively associated with or identified as in sympathy with the communists.

Continue to afford attention to possible counter-intelligence action calculated to discredit or neutralize Shelton.

1 - Birmingham (105-560)

NOTE:

Shelton is the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., and is probably the most well-known Klansman in America. We have been considering a variety of approaches calculated to neutralize Shelton's activities. One technique under consideration is to imply association or sympathy with the communists on the part of Shelton.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 11/18/64

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(ROBERT M. SHELTON)
(UNITED KLAN OF AMERICA, INC.)

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Gray
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Ryan

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Robert Marvin Shelton is a full-time paid employee of the United Klans of America, Incorporated (UKA), Knights of the Ku Klux Klan with the title Imperial Wizard. He is probably the most influential and well-known Klansman in the United States. We are endeavoring as a counterintelligence technique to develop information discrediting Shelton or embarrassing to the UKA.

Through analysis of the income tax returns we may be able to determine secret sources of Shelton's income or depository used by him for the Klan organization. There is a possibility that he is misappropriating funds. We also have information Shelton has been on the payroll of a Mobile, Alabama, engineering firm as a public relations man.

In the event we determine such information we will consider exposing Shelton within the Klan organization, publicly or by furnishing information to the Internal Revenue Service.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Liaison Section obtain from the Internal Revenue Service two uncertified copies each of the Federal tax returns filed by Shelton and the UKA for the past five years. Attached is a memorandum for the use of the Liaison Section.

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ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Gray
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Ryan

Robert Marvin Shelton, born June 12, 1923, married, two children, resides at 1708-15th Street, East, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He is presently employed with the title Imperial Wizard by the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, at a reported annual salary of eight thousand dollars. The United Klans of America, Inc., is sometimes known as the Alabama Rescue Service.

It is requested two uncertified copies each of the Federal tax returns filed by Shelton and the United Klans of America, Inc., for the past five years be made available.

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